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SUBJECT: APRIL 6 CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA

REF: (A) STATE 082019 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 1350

1. CORE GROUP (BELGIUM, CANADA, COSTA RICA, FRG, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, ROK (CHAIRMAN), US, AND UK) MET AT WORKING LEVEL APRIL 6 AT CANADA'S MISSION. MEETING WAS FROM 10:30 TO 13:10. SECOND MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING APRIL 7. ALL DELEGATIONS READILY CONTRIBUTED TO DISCUSSION ON APRIL 6. ALL AGREED ON TOTALLY CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF MEETINGS AND PARALLEL NEED TO AVOID SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT TO PRESS IF QUERY RECEIVED. IF QUERY RECEIVED, COMMENT COULD BE MISSIONS MEET FROM TIME TO TIME TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. BEFORE COMMENCING MAIN DISCUSSION, ROK CHAIRMAN REPORTED AUSTRALIA STILL CONSIDERING INVITATION TO JOIN CORE GROUP
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(REF B, PARA 2).

3. DRAWING ON PARA 2, REF A, US STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS REGARDING APPROACHES TO NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS ON KOREAN QUESTION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WHICH UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF APPROACHES TO NORDICS AND ASEANS AS TO ROLE THEY MIGHT PLAY ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 31ST UNGA, GROUP DECIDED TO START WITH WORK ON PLANS TO LOBBY NON-ALIGNED. TAKING US DRAFT PAPER FOR LOBBYING NON-ALIGNED AS STARTING POINT (REF B, PARA 9), GROUP BY END OF MEETING HAD DRAWN UP FOLLOWING TENTATIVE LANGUAGE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION APRIL 7:

QUOTE MISSIONS OF KOREAN CORE GROUP GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IN COURSE OF REGULAR BILATERAL CONTACTS, OF FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO KOREAN QUESTION. MOREOVER, WE ARE QUITE FLEXIBLE ON MEANS OF RESOLVING KOREAN PROBLEM. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY NEW IDEAS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO ELEMENTS WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL:

(I) IT IS UNREALISTIC TO ENVISAGE ANY SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE ROK AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE OF PENINSULA. (THE ROK IS A NATION WITH 33 MILLION INHABITANTS, COMPRISING TWO-THIRDS OF TOTAL POPULATION OF KOREAN PENINSULA, WHICH HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 93 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE ROK IS ALSO A MEMBER OF NEARLY ALL OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE U.N., INCLUDING UNESCO, WHO, ITU, UPU, WMO, WIPO, AND IAEA. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC TO IGNORE EXISTENCE OF ROK ON KOREAN PENINSULA.)

(II) ANY STEP TO INVALIDATE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, OR LIKELY TO INVALIDATE IT, PENDING A FINAL SETTLEMENT WOULD THREATEN PEACE AND STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA.

(B) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE IS DESIRABLE AND WE WOULD PREFER CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN ANOTHER UNPRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF RESOLUTIONS;
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(C) IF, NEVERTHELESS, NORTH KOREA'S POSITION IS PRESSED IN U.N., IT WILL NOT REMAIN UNCHALLENGED.

FOR THESE REASONS, WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK WAYS TO:

(A) STRESS ESSENTIALITY OF A RENEWED DIALOGUE BETWEEN BOTH PARTS OF KOREA SINCE KOREAN PROBLEM IN LAST ANALYSIS MUST

BE RESOLVED BY THE KOREANS THEMSELVES.

(B) EMPHASIZE THAT BEST CHANCE FOR ACHIEVING NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO KOREAN PROBLEM IS THROUGH RESUMED HIGH-LEVEL NORTH-SOUTH TALKS, AS ENDORSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS 1973 CONSENSUS, AND/OR BY A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. UNQUOTE

4. ADDITIONALLY, US AND CANADA DISTRIBUTED MEMORANDUMS ON LEGAL EFFECTS OF TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND (REF B, PARA 2).
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